

**Frederick County Commission on
Disabilities (COD) Minutes
Monday June 14, 2021
Virtual Meeting**

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chair Karen Duffy, who recognized the existence of a quorum and called for approval of the meeting agenda. This was done by unanimous vote with a motion by Theresa Posthuma and a second by Lisa Clark.

- II. Attendance

The following members were present: Karen Duffy, Theresa Posthuma, David Drezner, Mark Swift, Darrell Batson, Karen Rushing, Darrell Batson, Evan Evans and Lisa Clark. County staff members Miles Ward and Pat Fleet, and County Council Liaison Steve McKay were present. Guests Jacqueline Kanekuni and Joshua Pedersen, and Sign Language Interpreter Christal Gastley were also present.

- III. The guest speaker was Joshua Pedersen, National Director, 211 Network Operations. Mr.

Pedersen presented information on how calls are channeled from persons with disabilities. 50% of the call centers are housed within United Way agencies and the other half with various non-profits. When calling 211 persons that are deaf and hard of hearing are directly sent to a 711 line that also connects to 911 to determine a location in case of an emergency. A handful of 211 locations have the ability of texting services. All services in Maryland are staffed 24 hours.

IV. Business

a) A motion was made by Dave Drezner with a 2nd by Theresa Posthuma which led to a unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the May 2021 COD meeting.

b) The July meeting will not have a speaker; the members will work on the upcoming COD Resource Fair. Karen will send out a document for everyone to review prior to that meeting. There is no meeting scheduled for August.

c) No community concerns were brought up.

d) A proposed budget was approved in the amount of \$928.28 to purchase giveaways, paper, table covers and a table throw. The motion was made by Lisa Clark with a second by Theresa Posthuma.

e) No one has come forward to replace any of the officer positions. Miles Ward will check with the County Executive's office to see how to handle the situation.

V. Members that chose to do so gave closing remarks.

VI. The meeting was adjourned.